

FINAL

NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION

Bisley General Meeting

Minutes of the Bisley General Meeting
held in the NRA Pavilion, Bisley
on Wednesday 23rd July 2025 from 9.00pm

Present:

Chairman:	Mr D Lacey
Secretary General	Mr SA Lee
Treasurer	Mr A Reynolds
Members:	27 Registered

BISLEY GENERAL MEETING

Notice of the Bisley General Meeting

The notice of the Meeting was taken as read.

ITEM 1 - SPEECHES

The Speech of the Chairman is attached.

ITEM 2 - OPEN FORUM



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Chairman

Proceedings

Welcome to the Bisley General Meeting of 2025.

I am joined by Andrew Reynolds, our Treasurer and our new Secretary General, Simon Lee.

I would particularly like to welcome those from overseas – Philippe Ginestet from France, Mahendra Persuad from Guyana, Clifford Mallet from Jersey, and Norris Gomez from Trinidad.

We started the Imperial 2025 with the Military Adaptive Championship on 19th June. It was both uplifting and humbling to talk with these young, and not-so-young competitors from all three Services. Their determination and positive approach in the face of life-changing injuries sustained while serving our country is an inspiration. The event brings together a like-minded camaraderie but is very competitive, as you might expect.

The winner of the Veteran Military Adaptive Championship this year was Lionel O'Connor with a score of 299.32v.

At the same time, the Services were finishing their Operational Shooting Competitions and we are delighted to recognise the recipients of the respective King's Medal for 2025:

For the Royal Navy	Corporal Callum Wales RN
For the Army, Corporal	Nishal Thapa, 1 st Royal Gurkha Rifles
For the Army Reserve	Staff Sergeant Kev Catt REME – 7 Rifles
For the Royal Air Force	Warrant Officer Alex Lilley.

The Civilian Service Rifle meeting that followed saw 141 individual competitors. The class winners were:

Historic	Rowan McBride
Iron Sight	S Page
Practical Optic	Julian Timms
Service Optic	Adam Chapman

40 teams competed in the Falling Plates competition, up significantly from the 26 teams we saw in 2024. This was held for the first time since the mid-1990s on Stickledown range. Shot in two classes, the winners of the Modern was Old Windsor Rifle & Pistol Club, while the Historic Class was won by the British Young Shooters Association.

The CSR Meeting culminated in the Methuen Cup Match, which saw 21 teams competing. The Lee Enfield Rifle Association won the Historic Class with 928 points, while the Highpower Rifle Association won the Practical Class with 1357 points.

Turning to F-Class, 66 competitors entered the F-Class matches across 5 days of competitions. David Lloyd won the F-Class St George's title in F/TR with a score of

141.11v, with Manfred Heil from Germany winning the F-Open St George's with a score of 145.12v. Michael Harris was the winner of the prestigious Farquharson for 2025 in F/TR with 274.15v. The F-Open Farquharson champion was Mr G Majer of Italy with 284.20v.

Match Rifle had 141 entrants. The Hopton was won by Rob Lygoe with a score of 991.107v, with Si Whitby second on 984.97v. John Lindsay III won the Albert, the last shoot in the Hopton, with a score of 214.22v.

This year's winners of the 152nd Elcho Match were England, retaining the match with a score of 1703.146v, beating Ireland by 31 points, with Scotland third on 1631.115v.

The Imperial Gallery Rifle meeting had over 730 cards returned and our thanks go to all the Range Officers, stats and admin team who help organise this very enjoyable and relaxed event on Melville range.

The McQueen competitions, sponsored by Accuracy International, has had a very successful meeting and our thanks go to Alan Ward and John McDonagh for the smooth running of this popular competition. The winner of the McQueen 'A' – the issued rifle – was Jon Binder-Swash. Harry Johnstone won the Under-25 prize, and the Cadet Winner was Cdt E Tillett of Charterhouse School.

Target Rifle has seen 880 entries, with 24 countries represented. We continue to be grateful and delighted by this support of the Imperial.

The Grand Aggregate had 705 entries, with Rich Stewart taking the prize, with a winning score of 772.110v. Glynn Barnett was a very close second on 772.102v, and Matt Millar third on 770.102v.

We continue to have an excellent cohort of young shooters, with 222 Under-21s, and 51 Under-25s, which is 30% of all entries. Our special thanks go to the school masters and our friends at the Council for Cadet Rifle Shooting, with whom we have an excellent working relationship.

We also have a 328-strong 'Relevant Person' contingent with 91 serving personnel, 96 ex-serving personnel and 141 cadets taking part in the meeting, which is 38% of all entries.

We wish all the best to John Bloomfield with his Kolapore team on Friday, and extend good luck to all teams and competitors for the remainder of the Meeting.

I would like to extend my thanks to those who have worked very hard over the last 5 weeks of competitions.

To our Chief Range Officers: Peter Turner, John Miller, Lisa Railton, Matt Jeffes and Rob Hughes.

To our Chief of Staff, David Camp, Chief Butts Officers, Colin Scoles and Joshua Lavery on Stickledown, and Owen Libermann and Martin Danks on Century, and all the RCOs and Butt supervisors who have kept things going for us. My sincere

thanks also goes to all the markers who have done such a sterling job in all weathers through the Meeting, and to the staff who have prepared the Camp and Ranges for this important meeting.

I would like to thank the front counter team for ensuring everyone had their squadding cards on time, the Stats team who have produced all the results, the Range Office and Armoury staff who have ensured the ranges run smoothly, as well as all those working diligently behind the scenes to ensure a successful Imperial Meeting for all.

We had an election for the Target Rifle Discipline Representative on General Council this year. I can announce that Charles Dickenson has been elected with 403 votes. My congratulations go to Charles and we thank him for agreeing to contribute to the work of the NRA by serving on General Council.

We will now take questions from the floor.

Nigel Wells, Life Member

I did send in my question ahead of the meeting and it is about the scramble boards. I shoot Match Rifle and it's very convenient that I get my Match Rifle cards with the target number on it. Please can we have the same for Target Rifle?

The scramble board used to be because competitors marked the targets, but that is no longer the case. So please can it be considered to remove the scramble boards for Target Rifle.

And if I may, on a lighter note, say that I was very sad to find today that there was no whirly board provided by the ammo issuers on the range to spin and select your ammo as that has been great fun.

Chairman:

I would like to thank to Nigel for notice of his question, which enabled me to discover what a scramble board is, avoiding the inevitable embarrassment. But for those of you who might not know, it is a mechanism to provide random allocation of targets and lane numbers to competitors. They're blackboards on which competitors are allocated letters, and the RO writes in target numbers in the blank spaces below. Scramble boards have been in use for many years until the NRA moved to a system of allocated lane numbers in 2023 and 2024 for consistency with Match Rifle and F-Class. The TR sub-committee on Shooting Committee requested that the NRA returned to using scramble boards this year, apparently by popular demand and to keep with tradition.

So that's the reason why it went back that way, and a vigorous campaign directed towards the TR sub-committee may be the best way of changing it if you want.

Robin Pizer, North London Rifle Club

First I wish to thank the NRA Trustees for their kind message regarding my illness over the last year.

Second at the Bisley General Meeting in 2023 I explained how some Target Rifles were being significantly altered after proof by at least one gunsmith giving the shooter an advantage.

Today I will explain a second way that a knowledgeable gunsmith can give a shooter an advantage contrary to Rule 150. You will know that the GB Palma team in 2024 used rifles that were not compliant with NRA Rule 150 but were compliant with Palma match rules. They were told they had to have their rifles modified before they could be used in NRA competitions. At least one of that Palma squad took his unaltered rifle into the NRA for testing compliance with Rule 150. It was declared to be compliant and the NRA put a green sticker on that rifle. So how could this happen?

It can happen because the point from the tip of a Sierra 155 grain bullet to the point on the ogive which first touches the rifle barrel is not a controlled parameter and can vary by 24 thou of an inch within a batch or between different batches according to Sierra. The ragged tip of the bullet is an irrelevant datum point. If you use rather primitive gauges and use a supply of selected Sierra bullets where this distance is a maximum, then if the rifle chamber is adjusted so that this bullet is not quite touching, a green sticker can be put on BUT most bullets already in the issued ammunition will now touch the rifling when the bolt is closed contrary to Rule 150, giving higher pressure, higher velocities and an advantage in accuracy. This is not within the spirit of fair competition.

There was a serious discussion in 2013 about the gauges used by the NRA for testing Rule 150 compliance. Mik Maksimovic, Peter Hobson and John Carmichael all produced properly calibrated gauges while John Bloomfield insisted on continuing with a cheap, primitive and highly inaccurate gauge.

Two versions of the Birmingham Proof House Report into the effect of varying freebore on rifle chamber pressure were produced in 2015 - the genuine report by the Birmingham Proof House and an NRA cut down version omitting the main conclusions. A report by the Military College at Shrivenham was never produced. The cut down version was used to brief the NRA General Council in 2015. The genuine report was not put on the NRA website until 2018 but was then misleadingly prefaced by a summary of the cut down NRA report. This was still present on the NRA website in 2023 but has since been replaced by a "Website" version of the cut down NRA report.

This will cause the NRA Trustees serious grief if an accident happens that results in a Court case. NRA Staff should be trained to recognise rifles not compliant with Rule 150. In the case I explained in 2023, if an NRA member of staff hands back the rifle, they are committing an illegal act.

To a certain extent the NRA can avoid the problem I have described today by changing Rule 150 or using properly calibrated gauges. To deal with rifles significantly altered after proof, the NRA will need properly calibrated gauges that measure the cartridge base to bullet ogive position of the issued ammunition and then use a proper fully calibrated gauge set to measure the rifle so a true and accurate comparison can be made.

I suspect many shooters know that this is going on. However, I would just say a particular shooter, if he has this rifle, may be totally unaware that he has it because it's got a green sticker on and therefore it's gone through the test and is considered okay.

It is about time the NRA faced up to this rule breaking.

Chairman:

Rule 150 is a very complicated subject, which I know because I was involved with Alice Gran¹ in preparing the NRA report, and I'm not proposing to go into all of that.

It is a very complicated subject that really doesn't suit itself well to a question without notice. I hope you'll understand that I'm not going to be able to provide any definitive answer, other than to comment that it is the responsibility under the rules of every competitor to have a rifle that is safe for use.

Robin makes a good point about the testing that is conducted by the Range Office. The Armoury does not do a full test of Rule 150 compliance because it's not practical for them to do so. If rifles are changed after being proofed, to the extent that the change invalidates the proof, it's the responsibility of the gun maker who does that work to resubmit the rifles to Proof, and the NRA is not going to second-guess what the Proof House does.

It is important for competitors that there is a level playing field, and this is probably an excellent subject for Shooting Committee to turn its mind to and to advise Council on what Shooting Committee recommends as a solution to any problem that it might identify.

Ken Willingale, Life Member, English XIII:

I remember the Umbrella Tent meetings when it was full, and today we only have 25-30 attendees because we have the Inter-Counties Long Range and everyone is out celebrating. So should we look at what we're doing on this day and change it to maximise attendance?

Thank you very much.

¹ Name corrected from original Minutes

Chairman:

I understand the BGM has been held at nine o'clock on the Wednesday before the King's Prize final for a long time. But if Shooting Committee wishes to consider that and put forward proposals for the reasons why it should be changed and provide an alternative date, then the Council would certainly be interested in that. Of course it would require a lot of advertising because I can just imagine people saying I turned up on Wednesday at nine o'clock and there was nobody there.

Old traditions die hard, but you make a very good point that there aren't many people here. Now that may be a reflection on the quality of my speeches, but I'm going to try and find some other reason. Shooting Committee did suggest that the results of the cut-off for Kings Stage II be announced at this meeting and that would encourage lots of people to attend, but even that has not induced people to attend. So perhaps the next Chairman will have more luck.

Charles Dickenson, NRA Life Member, and 10 other clubs on camp

Not so much a question as a thank you to all those who had the confidence to vote for me as Target Rifle Discipline Rep, and really an invitation to say any issues associated with target rifle matters that you would like to be raised within Shooting Committee or General Council, please do get in touch with me and I will endeavour to provide an answer or a solution to whatever the issue is.

I would also like to take the opportunity as Nigel Wells touched on to say thank you very much to the ammunition issuers during the meeting. They have provided an enormous amount of entertainment to the shooters, immediately before the shoots. And I believe that it would be appropriate to recognise that. Long may it continue!

(round of applause)

Chairman:

Thank you very much, and I'm sure they'll appreciate those kind words.

Mike Jenvey, RAFTRC

Can I just ask please, can we expect a new era of openness and transparency of information and two-way flow between the Council and General Council. We have found it quite difficult in the last year or so, if not longer, to find out information that is reasonable to ask on the basis that General Council doesn't have the information.

How can we guide and otherwise inform the Council itself? For example, I've asked several times how much money has been spent on the refurbishment of this building (Pavilion) on capital expenditure. I'm always told we're not to get the information. It's that level of information that we need to assist, and can't do much if we don't get it.

My second question, if I may, is can I ask what is the latest stage of play, if known, of any proposals for further serviced caravan pitches, or what plans might be for alternative accommodation such as glamping pods to those that would certainly benefit from them such as families and shooters.

Thank you.

Chairman:

In relation to the first question, the information that we publish very much follows the same lines used by other major charities. We don't publish more information than other charities would. That means that some information that members of General Council would like won't be available, and that's just part of running a large organisation.

Council very much appreciates the work of General Council and the advice and support the General Council can provide, particularly through the Shooting Committee and the Membership Committee, and through the Estates Working Group. Of course where there are specific examples, like how much should you spend on the Pavilion, understanding how the answer to the question will help the person is useful because it may be that we can provide other information that will provide that assistance.

In relation to the second question, I'm not aware of any current proposals for any more pitches at this stage, either for serviced caravans, or for what is colloquially called a glamping pod. It is important to bear in mind that we operate a caravan site and therefore anything you put on the site must be a caravan. The marketing people don't always help by selling things with different names. The question is under the site license, does it qualify as a caravan rather than what the manufacturers might call it.

Wharnccliffe site, is complete and I invite everybody who doesn't have a serviced caravan to wander down there during the rest of the Imperial. There are a few plots still for sale. I think the people who've moved on to Wharnccliffe site have enjoyed it and founded a positive experience. This might be the time for you to pick up a spot on Camp.

Charlie Sykes, ATSC, General Council Member

I have two statements and not questions, Chairman

My first statement is going to be very controversial. I'm going to thank the outgoing Secretary General, Andrew Mercer, for leaving the NRA in good financial health, despite the ravages of Covid and other shocks over the last 10 years, and welcome Simon Lee who's taken over the role for the organisation. The finances are in an even balance, and I hope it is going to make your job easier and perhaps allow you to address some of the issues that Andrew found challenging by approaching things in a different manner.

The second point I'd like to make is to highlight that the end of cadet target rifle is clearly concerning. My understanding, as a recently retired military officer, is this decision is most certainly unlikely to be overturned and if I could I invite everybody to support some really positive thinking from both the NRA and CCRS in continuing to enable youth shooting at Bisley, in any guise, enabling us as the target rifle community to facilitate some form of pathway to keep youth shooting alive, I think this is critical to the future of our sport.

(round of applause)

Chairman:

Thank you very much and I'm sure Andrew will be keenly reading the minutes of this meeting and will appreciate your kind words.

Although Andrew is not here to hear those kind words, the Treasurer is, and I know that he has played an important role in improving the finances of the charity so that it is in much better financial health than it was perhaps some years ago.

That doesn't mean Simon is going to have an easy ride, but it's better than coming into an organisation that is heavily in debt.

Treasurer:

I think Andrew's done a lot over the last 12 years that he was involved. I would agree that Simon's in a good position to move on.

I've heard the points that have been made about accommodation, about youth shooting. There's lots of places that we can spend money. There is a priority list that I'm sure the relevant sub-committees will look at and champion their cases.

Chairman:

In relation to cadet target rifle, I attended the prize giving for the cadet competition. It is truly inspiring to see all these young cadets who've worked so hard on their shooting and the camaraderie and the quality of the shooting. We are keen to keep it going.

It won't surprise you to know that there are discussions about how we can keep it going. It won't surprise you also to know that those discussions are sensitive and delicate. So can I urge you not to write to your MP in a fit of enthusiasm. You might think it will help. That's not the case.

But be assured that we are all very conscious of the importance, if we can, of keeping cadet target rifle continuing in some form or other.

Tim Goodger, Life Member, LMRA:

My question is on rubbish collection around the camp during the Bisley meeting. It seems that the rubbish bins have virtually been overflowing for a number of days. I'm a bit surprised really that it hasn't been sorted, that we have regular collections from the vans, there has been rubbish on the floor, potential for rats. There are children around and this isn't good.

Can we please ensure that there are regular rubbish collections such that this doesn't happen. The members pay good money for caravans or wherever their accommodation is, and it's a public health hazard.

Chairman:

It won't surprise you to know that we do increase the frequency of bin collections during the Imperial. I think they are twice a week rather than once a week, Wednesday and Saturday.

It is a shared resource and to the extent you can reduce, reuse and recycle, that will certainly help. Put the rubbish into the bins rather than beside the bins. Everyone has their part to play. It would be lovely if we could just call up the contractor and say come around tomorrow, but he has his schedule. And of course the council doesn't have anything to do with these bins at all.

It is an important point and it may be that for future meetings that we actually have to ramp it up if there is going to be more people producing more rubbish, and we need to incur the costs of three bin collections. But every time we go from two bins to three bins, there's a cost: there's a price per bin that we're charged by the contractor to take them away. But it is important that we have a safe environment on Camp, so thank you for bringing that up.

Charles Kennish, Life Member, LMRA:

Did I hear you say that caravan sites are only used for caravans?

Chairman:

A caravan pitch must only have on it something that meets the statutory definition of caravan.

Charles Kennish:

In that case, can the flat deck, the grass cutters, the safety fencing and the rubbish be removed from site 8 please? They've put trailers, grass cutters on original pitches, as well as building materials, safety fencing, and containers with empty boxes and cases left around.

They built space the back of Canada House, for industrial equipment, so why is it on a camp site where children are playing?

The staff have also started parking down there, when they have their own car parking area.

I've raised this four or five times now at the office.

Chairman:

This is good point, and I thank you for raising it again so Simon can hear it. I will summarise it for the benefit of both Simon and the audience.

It is important that the NRA ground staff do not use caravan sites as storage when they have their own designated areas. That is a management issue to make sure that the staff are aware that they shouldn't be doing it, and a supervision issue because I agree that grass cutting equipment, for example, shouldn't be out in a place where children may be tempted to play with it. I doubt it meets the statutory requirements for health and safety!

The NRA has storage depots and those things should be kept there. So if you do see any of that, it's really useful if you could take a photograph and send it to Shelly Fletcher (Real Estate Manager).

I think your point is well made and Simon's been here to hear it. It is a management and supervision issue, of which Simon is now well aware.

Phil Northam, Membership Committee, Chair of Estates Working Group:

Good evening

I would just like to say, Simon, welcome to the NRA. (*hear, hear*)

I think there is a lot of work to put the 'N' in the NRA. Many view Bisley as the Bisley Rifle Association, and there is a big national need out there, especially when we talk about youth shooting and roots of youth shooting and putting the 'N' in the NRA is a big task.

To our Treasurer, thank you. I've been a member of many product and project teams, and you have illustrated the accounts in ways other accountants have not managed to reach. Please collar your successor and show them how.

I would say the same for our Chair. You've been a very good Chair. You have introduced elements of humour. You have kept me online and you have been a refreshment to the chairing role. So thank you for your service as well.

And to everybody else, things have already been said, but not enough of us are here. Why? Publicity, other competing things to do. There's so many things to be done.

I had a very good meeting with Simon on Site 7. We talked about risk approach, compliance management. That's the issue that's just been raised on Site 8.

I look forward to a collaborative and a collegiate approach to working with you in the future. So welcome on board.

(round of applause)

Chairman:

Thank you very much.

In terms of putting the 'N' into NRA, which should be on some coffee mugs, we have Nic Couldrey, our Regional Ranges Manager, who's been quite active in that area.

Phil makes a very good point. It is the National Rifle Association, not the Bisley Target Shooting Club. I think a lot of work has been done to move in that direction. More remains to be done.

To the Treasurer, I certainly add my thanks because he has always answered all of my financially illiterate questions with a straight face. So I've been very grateful for his input on that.

Phil, thank you for those kind words.

Paul Charlton: Life Member, Stock Exchange Rifle Club:

There is a point arising from last year's Bisley meeting, when I asked how we were going to provide a range for air pistols, given the fact that the NSRA has restricted the proposed use of the Lord Roberts Centre.

I am delighted at the response by the NRA for providing a fabulous 10 lane air pistol range in the old ballroom part of the Pavilion. It is stunningly well done.

The real question that I'm asking you is about the register cards that we have.

They were introduced as a two-part card in COVID times, such that we didn't have to both handle the same piece of paper and that made sense.

We now have the same card continuing, which reduces the risk of members cheating, which sadly has happened in the past, but is now much more difficult. When you have finished your shoot, it's now not a problem to swap cards, or even at the beginning of the shoot, but you have to sign two boxes. One says you are the firer, the other says you are the register keeper.

Which box on which card should I have signed?

(round of applause)

Chairman:

I have likewise encountered these cards, and went to hand it to the person next to me before they recoiled in horror at the suggestion of taking a card from me. That was not the way it was done. And yes, which box do you sign?

The register cards could certainly be clearer on this point. I look forward to recommendations from Shooting Committee, that once we've used up the cards we have, hopefully we don't have too many, something that is clearer can be produced. I certainly find it easier shooting when I just swap my card with someone and we fill it in, but that's not how the Imperial register cards are done.

It's confusing and with luck Shooting Committee will come up with some proposals that will make it easier.

The air pistol range, for those of you who haven't seen it, is in the old ballroom on the other side of the Pavilion and has 10 lanes with a banqueting suite at the front.

Perfect if you're planning a retirement dinner, birthday party or other event. The catering is very good. You could bring 50 of your closest friends for a nice dinner, and some air pistol shooting which is quiet and fun for all ages.

Charles Dickenson:

I just wanted to follow up on the comments made by Charlie Sykes, particularly in relation to the demise of cadet target rifle. I've not been party to any of the discussions. I hope that I will in my new role as target rifle discipline rep.

I'm very keen to see that the cadets continue to shoot and that the schools continue to shoot as well.

What I will say is just a sort of heads up, that there's a role here for anybody who actually shot at school, at a school that still shoots, or shot at university, at a university that still shoots. You can lend an awful lot of support, both physical, in terms of money and equipment and also personally, in terms of helping with whatever the school or university feels would be helpful.

So be prepared please to have a look at this. Looking at the numbers that our Chairman revealed earlier, 25% of the entry to this Target Rifle Imperial are under 21, with a further 5% under 25.

Of those 16% are cadets.

Now we are going to lose those as cadets from next year. We hope that they will continue to come with their school, but their school is going to be up against it in terms of cost, because they're not going to get the sort of support that they've had in the past from the MoD, and all the schools in particular have just been hit with a 20%

VAT. So the parents are now going to have to pay a lot of money if the schools wish to continue.

So please if you value what you gained from shooting as a cadet at school or from university, please be prepared to give something back to those schools and universities if it will help them to continue shooting.

Thank you.

(round of applause)

Chairman:

I'll add to that a suggestion I've expressed in other quarters that clubs, particularly clubs on Camp, might want to consider adopting a school or a cadet organisation. Not just as an affiliate, but actually adopt them as part of the club and work with that school. And if you're a larger club, perhaps work with two or three schools.

A club that has got its own rifles who can then provide instruction for young people, because that is how shooting will continue, if we get the young people in.

When I first started as a Trustee, I learned that young at Bisley meant under 40! It's trite, but it's true, if we don't get young people shooting, then shooting dies with us, and that will be a great shame.

Thank you Charles.

Mike Jenvey:

I wanted to provide some information I had today from an NRA staff member about the exciting topic of the refuse bins.

One thing that happened in previous years was that there was a stock of empty bins and the ground staff or estate staff found any full bins, they pulled them onto a low trolley, took them away and put empty ones there so there wasn't a problem with people filling them up.

That seems to be a very simple and easy way to solve the problem as long as there was a stock of empty bins. He also said there are an additional 30 bins ordered for last year's Imperial which have remained on site, giving a grand total of 113 bins on camp. Consideration will be given to bring more in next year.

With regards to the cadet target rifle, I'm also an instructor in the Air Training Corp, and one of the things that people may or may not know is in the very near future, the .22 rifle, which was the supposed replacement to the No. 8 rifle is also going out of service, leaving only the air rifle and the cadet service rifle.

One also big problem in relation to target rifle shooting with the cadet target rifle, is because that is going out of service, the financial support, for the cadets travelling

down to Bisley, and staying in accommodation, they will have to pay for that and claim travel allowances and staff allowances, as this will no longer be supported so they will have to finance that themselves. So that is going to be another problematic area.

Even if there are rifles available, they've got to get here, they're going have to pay for it, and that's going be a cost factor which at the moment we don't have to worry about.

Lastly, the mention of the confusion about the scorecards, it was explained to me that if you fold the scorecard in half, you are back effectively to the old system. You are the register keeper for the other firer, so you sign the register keeper part, the firer signs the other box. The top bit, your score, the reason that was introduced and left in as well as for COVID, my understanding, is it helps to validate the scores and to eradicate the very unfortunate, occasional use of cheating, which I think the last one was a young person that tried to cheat his way into the Sovereign's Prize Final.

Chairman:

Thank you Mike.

I'm sure Range Officers will appreciate not constantly being asked, what do I write in this box?

Charles Kennish:

Just a bit of humour really – some years ago I brought a rifle for my son, who didn't continue shooting, and I donated it to the NRA. 12 years later, they sent me a bill for storage. It has been sat in storage and not used by juniors, which it should have been.

Chairman:

You raise a very good and important point about record keeping and management and that we are clear whether we have a rifle in storage for which a storage fee is payable, or it has been donated for use, in which case it belongs to the NRA and should be put to use.

We must be clear, and that has not always been the case. A lot of work has been done getting the records updated. I'm sorry to hear that it didn't happen in your case, but I know the Museum staff are now very conscious of it.

So you either put a rifle in storage with a signed storage agreement for which you will pay, or you donate it, signing it over to the NRA so that we're all clear on the position. We are conscious of the importance of it, and hopefully nobody else will ever have to make that point again.

King's Prize Stage 1 score

I would now like to announce the results of the King's Prize Stage I score, which was shot earlier today on Century Range. The results will be published on the stats board. 800 competitors shot the first stage of His Majesty's The King's Prize.

The Bronze Badge was won by Glynn Barnett with a score of 105.20v. The provisional last score in is 102.8v, finishing 33.0v at 600 yards.

I now declare the meeting closed, and thank you all for attending.

Meeting closed at 9.50pm.